

trails, campgrounds, and buildings in all three parks exceeded \$40 million.

Today I recommend to National Park Director Mary Bomar the awarding of National Park Service commendations to the entire staff of Mount Rainier, Olympic and North Cascades National Parks for their commitment to repair and restore these parks. Their efforts exemplify the mandate of the National Park Service “to provide for the enjoyment of [the parks] in such manner and by which means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Immediately following the storm, the personnel of these national parks worked continuously, often during their days off, to repair roads, rebuild trails, clean up campgrounds, and repair facilities. The citizens of Washington have a great interest in ensuring that the health, public and economic benefits, and welfare of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks are restored for present and future generations. Without the extraordinary efforts of Park Service employees, it is likely that the parks would be decades from completing repairs, to the extent that they would be completed at all.

It is my honor as a Senator of the State of Washington to recognize the heroic efforts of these men and women and express my gratitude on behalf of my constituents and all Americans that enjoy and treasure these parks as “sanctuaries of enjoyment, recreation, learning, and personal renewal.”

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT CITIZEN

Mr. COCHRAN. Madam President, I am pleased to advise the Senate that on July 15–17, 2007, more than 250 students from 33 countries will travel to Washington, DC, to participate in Empowering a New Generation for Democracy: The International Project Citizen Showcase. The showcase is the culmination of months of work by students to create public policy plans to solve problems in their local communities from around the world.

Project Citizen, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act, actively engages young people in the civic life of their communities. This interactive education program promotes engagement in government by challenging students to identify a public policy issue that is important to them, propose a solution, and create a political action plan for implementation of their solution. This year's projects addressed a wide range of issues from drug addiction to neglected historical monuments.

I invite my colleagues to observe these impressive portfolios on exhibit Tuesday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Russell Caucus Room.

I ask unanimous consent that the list of countries represented in Project Citizen be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Student teams from the following locations are expected to participate:

EUROPE AND EURASIA

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czech Republic
Estonia
Kosovo (under UN administration)
Lithuania
Montenegro
Northern Ireland
Russia (East)
Russia (West)
Slovakia
Ukraine

ASIA

China
India
Indonesia
Thailand

NEAR EAST

Jordan
West Bank and Gaza

AFRICA

Ghana
Mali
Nigeria
Senegal
South Africa

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Argentina
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Panama
Peru
Venezuela

UNITED STATES

Florida
Washington

CONGRATULATING NICHOLE BERNIER

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I welcome this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to Nichole Bernier of Wellesley, MA, as she celebrates her fortieth birthday. Nichole is a truly remarkable woman—a distinguished author, a community leader, a wonderful wife to her husband Tom, and a magnificent mother to her children Connor, Hadley, and Declan.

Nichole has worked tirelessly for over a decade on a variety of charitable causes, including animal welfare, education, and cancer research. Through both her writing and her activism, Nichole has made an impressive difference in people's lives, especially those in need.

Her service and dedication have meant a great deal to countless fellow citizens. It's a privilege to join her family and her many, many friends in congratulating her on this important milestone in her life, and I wish her many happy returns.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING MESA STUDENTS

• Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, today I wish to recognize six of New Mexico's youth who have participated in a national Mathematics, Engineering, Science and Achievement, MESA, USA competition. The competition held at the University of Maryland focused on physics this year and New Mexico had one team from middle school and one team from high school participating. Every participating team made a Trebuchet, or catapult with weight on one end and a projectile on the other. The teams were judged on accuracy, distance, and design.

Four students from Sarracino Middle School in Socorro won the middle school division of the Jamboree State-wide competition held at the University of New Mexico. After winning there, they competed at the University of Maryland and took the third place position for all middle school participants at the national MESA USA competition. Sam Hale, Daniel Jaramillo, Tyler Lam, and Jordan Vinson, all eighth graders, proved with their teamwork that they were a force to be reckoned with.

Two Belen High School graduates also represented New Mexico well at the competition. Samantha Huynh and Matthew Swanson won the high school division of the Jamboree State-wide competition held at the University of New Mexico. They, too, participated in the national competition in Maryland.

I am always proud to learn of students such as these who have taken their learning in the classroom to another level. These sorts of competitions allow students to think outside the box and come up with new solutions to old problems. Problem-solving skills, such as these displayed during the competition, prove to be invaluable for this Nation's future.

Congratulations again. I know these future leaders will accomplish great things.●

HONORING COLONEL GARY B. CARNEY

• Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, today I honor a retiring soldier from my home state. Colonel Gary B. Carney demonstrated exceptional meritorious service as Commander of McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, MCAAP, Oklahoma, the largest U.S. government-owned, government-operated explosive ammunition plant. The plant has a storage capacity of more than six million square feet, and stores more than 700,000 tons of ammunition valued at more than \$65 billion. He skillfully balanced management of this significant portion of the total defense ammunition stockpile mission with the plant's other mission as the sole Department of Defense source for bomb production.